

What is claimed is:

1. A method for sending audio-visual messages through a computer communication networks, comprising the steps of:
 - 5 inputting and storing visual information such as the name and address of the sender and the recipient, etc. to/at a computer(or the like) as an input system;
 - transmitting signals corresponding to the visual information and audio information such as the voice of the user, etc.(hereafter referred to as composite message information) through a computer communication network and storing them at a computer as an output system; and
 - 10 storing audio information signals among the composite message information signals from said output system and printing the visual information onto a message card respectively.
- 15 2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein one or more websites(or the like) are established on said computer communication system and a server computer of said website is accessible by said input system and output system through said computer communication network.
- 20 3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the visual and audio information signals are stored together at said computer as the input device and transmitted to the
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output device through said computer communication network.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein only the visual information or all of visual information and part of the audio information are inputted to said computer as the input device, while all or part of the audio information is inputted through a telephone network accessible to said computer communication network.

5. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein said visual information includes diagrams, holographs, pictures, etc. inputted and stored by using a device such as digital camera, scanner, or the like.

6. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the said computer communication network is the Internet.

7. A system for sending and receiving audio-visual messages through a computer communication network, comprising:

at least one or more computers 100 as an input device of said messages to which visual and audio information may be inputted and stored;

a computer communication network 200 to which said input devices 100 are connected for transmitting signals of said messages;

an output device 300 as a computer connected to said computer communication network 200 for receiving said signal; and

one or more message cards 400 as a receiving unit for
5 printing the visual information of said messages and storing the audio information signals from the above output device 300 therein.

8. System as claimed in claim 7, wherein one or more
10 websites having a server computer 210 is set up on said computer communication network.

9. System as claimed in claim 7, wherein one or more
15 telephone networks 200A is accessible by one or more telephone networks 200A.

10. System as claimed in claim 8, wherein said server
20 computer 210 is accessible by one or more telephone networks 200A

11. System as claimed in claim 7,8 or 9, wherein said
input device 100 is a personal computer comprising:

a microphone 101 for inputting audio information; an
A/D converter 102 for converting the audio information
25 received through said microphone 101 into digital signals;
an encoder 103 for encoding the digital audio

information signals converted by said A/D converter;

a keyboard 104 for inputting the literal information such as the names and addresses of the user and the other party (a sender or recipient), a letter, etc,;

5 a packaging/compressing part 105 for combining and compressing the encoded digital audio and literal information signals;

a decoder 106 for verifying the encoded audio information signals;

10 a D/A converter 107;

a speaker 108;and

a controller 109 for controlling operation of said parts.

15 12. System as claimed in claim 7,8 or 9, wherein said input device 100 may be a PC, mobile phone, digital TV or PDA.

20 13. System as claimed in claim 7,8 or 9, wherein said output device 300 is a personal computer comprising:

a hard disk 301 as a storage for the composite message signal data;

25 a de-packaging/decompressing part 302 for decompressing the compressed composite message signal data and separating the packaged data;

a printer 303 for printing out the literal information

such as names and addresses, letters, etc. decoded from said de-packaging/decompressing part 302;

an interface 304 for outputting the encoded audio information from said de-packaging/decompressing part
5 302;and

a controller 305 for controlling the operation of said parts.

14. System as claimed in claim 7,8 or 9, wherein said
10 message cards 400 are activated by said output device 300 under the control of a control part 401 therein thereby the visual information from said output device 300 being printed on a printing part 402 and the audio information being stored at a memory 403 by means of said interface 304.